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CPC Test Calendar

WIBW	580	Dec. 19, 1994	0200-0230
HCJB	690	Dec. 24, 1994	0015-0045
WNQM	1300	Dec. 26, 1994	0400-0430
WWSW	970	Jan. 2, 1995	0000-0030
KIUP	930	Jan. 7, 1995	0715-0745
WSUI	910	Jan. 9, 1995	0100-0130
KTNS	1090	Jan. 9, 1995	0800-0900
KUAW	1570	Jan. 15, 1995	0501-0530
WPWA	1590	Jan. 16, 1995	0000-0030
WVWI	1000	Jan. 16, 1995	0200-0300
KUAW	1570	Jan. 16, 1995	0501-0530
KSYG	1010	Jan. 23, 1995	0315-0330
CFRY	920	Jan. 30, 1995	0100-0130
KIYU	910	Feb. 6, 1995	0500-0530
WREN	1250	Feb. 14, 1995	0100-0200

WWSW-970 - 1 Allegheny Square - Pittsburgh, PA 15212 will conduct a DX test between 12:00 and 12:30 am EST on Monday, January 2. The test will include test tones, voice ID's, and Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Phil Lenz, Assistant Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KIUP-930 - P.O. Drawer P - Durango, CO 81302 will conduct a DX test between 7:15 and 7:45 am EST Saturday, January 7. The test will include test tones, voice ID's, and Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. John Morton, CE. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WSUI-910 - Broadcasting Service - University of Iowa - 3300 Engineering Building - Iowa City, IA 52242 will conduct a DX test between 1:00 and 1:30 am EST Monday, January 9. The test will include comedy skits, test tones, and Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Dennis Reese, Program Director. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KTNS-1090 - 40356 Oak Park Way - Oakhurst, CA 93644 will conduct a DX test between 8:00 and 9:00 am EST Monday, January 9. The test will include country music, voice ID's, and Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Larry Gamble, General Manager. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

From the publisher ... Since the next issue will probably arrive in most NRC'ers' mailboxes after

Christmas day (we plan to mail it out Thursday, December 22) ... from me to you: Happy holidays, and may your day of celebration bring you peace and joy. And thanks to all those who've sent me Christmas cards as well as kind words during the year. I appreciate it! Don't forget: the next two publication dates are Dec. 26 and Jan. 9 (no DXN on Jan. 2).

An anonymous member sent a page from "Topband News", which goes to "selected 1800-2000 kHz Amateur Radio DX'ers". Unfortunately, no address was included in the newsletter; however, the note accompanying the page listed Roger Parsons G3RBP as the editor. Perhaps you can track down more information through him if he's listed in the Ham Call book.

Welcome to these new members: Christian Breton, St. Hilaire, PQ, Canada; William H. Fortier, Worcester, MA; Kevin G. Smith N6OME, Mountain View, CA; Evan Gabriel KC5JYJ, Ft. Polk, LA; Thomas J. Bittner N2ONK, Pearl River, NY.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the Dec. 23, 1944 DXN: **WWDC-1450** inaugurated 24-hour operation. Members were requested to send them a card or letter, asking them to stand by for upcoming DX specials from **WMBH**, **WAGM**, and **KORC** that had been scheduled previously.

25 years ago ... from the December 20, 1969 DXN: The NRC was to inaugurate a regular five-minute program on R. Nederland shortwave ... After a year of printing the Bulletin via the offset method, the Boston Publishing Committee had received complimentary letters from Howard McClain, OR; Clarence Freeman, CA; Isaac Eaves, TX; Hank Holbrook MD; Bill Brubaker, FL; Robert Kelley, WI; Stan Mayo, ME, and Roger Winsor, IN, among others.

10 years ago ... from the December 31, 1984 DXN: "As of 12-15-84, all but a few Class IV stations were given blanket approval to raise night powers to 1000 watts," Jerry Starr noted in "AM Switch" ... Allan Weiner was on the air at 1622 kHz with a 100-watt station from Yonkers, NY, which put a signal out as far as Detroit.

AM Switch

Jerry Starr
c/o WHOT Radio
4040 Simon Road
Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call:

1050 KJBO NM Los Ranchos de Albuquerque
1520 WLSF MI Lapeer

New call:

KHFN
WLMR

*Note: This change not released by FCC yet but has been confirmed by local monitoring.

APPLICATION/GRANT FOR NEW STATION

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

710 KBMR ND Bismarck: modify CP day power to 10000 watts (station still operating on 1130 kHz)
1200 KFNW ND West Fargo: reduce night power to 700 watts
1510 KMRP MO Marshfield: power to 1000 watts
1570 KYCR MN Golden Valley: powers to 3800/230



703 Market St. Parkersburg WV 26101

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

620 KWFT TX Wichita Falls: night power to 4500 watts, city of license to Plano, TX, relocate transmitter site
760 WCHI NY Champlain: add 11 watts night, antenna to U3
840 KDBS OR Eugene: changes in antenna system
1170 WRJL AL Hanceville: power to 8500 watts (this power increase is already on the air)
1280 KDUK OR Eugene: night power to 1500 watts, relocate transmitter site
1560 KNZR CA Bakersfield: day power to 25000 watts

OTHERNESS

540 CBMM PQ Senneterre: LPRT is DELETED, moved to 100.9 FM
570 CBML PQ Val d'Or: LPRT is DELETED, moved to 101.1 FM
900 CKTS PQ Sherbrooke: station is SILENT
960 WFGL MA Fitchburg: silent station is ON THE AIR but with a "limited schedule of 8 AM to 5 PM"
1070 WNWV NY Plattsburg: station is SILENT
1160 WPGV MD Funkstown: station is SILENT (their trailer has been removed from the transmitter site, and the tower has been dismantled; land where it was located has been sold at auction; don't be very surprised if this one does not return)
1240 WWZQ MS Aberdeen: silent station is ON THE AIR
1240 KPRB OR Redmond: license CANCELLED, call DELETED
1240 KRAK WY Rawlins: silent station is ON THE AIR
1280 WBCY DE Seaford: station is SILENT
1330 WPPI GA Carrollton: silent station is ON THE AIR
1340 CKMG PQ Maniwaki: station is DELETED, moved to 99.3 FM
1350 WFZS NH Laconia: silent station is ON THE AIR
1420 KESY NE Omaha: station is SILENT
1490 W--- AL Kingston: application for new station here is no longer in effect, cross it out
1490 KMET CA Banning: silent station is ON THE AIR
1530 KXTD OK Wagoner: silent station is ON THE AIR

MORE EXPANDED BAND FOLLOW-UP

Well, it seems that each station allocated to the expanded band was determined by not only its "fit" on the expanded band but the amount of interference that will be eliminated on the station's present frequency when it finally leaves the air. Therefore another station even in the same city would probably not qualify to take over the expanded band allotment since its present interference contours would not be the same. So the answer is that if a station chooses to not use its expanded band allotment that allotment will simply be eliminated. What a waste of spectrum that would be! THANKS: Stan Morris, David Lewis, Ken Chatterton, Howard Kemp, Ed Krejny, Al Merriman, Lenny Flotiske, Dave Norment & MSJ

Jerry Starr

Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

73 and Good DX.

Domestic DX Digest

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(Division line is
between East and
Central time zones)



DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- All by his lonesome . . . hearing things that go "bump" in the night, Shawn ventured to Valhalla. Next time he's taking his security blanket. Barry Finkel checks in with some telephone numbers for the elusive KGG68 TIS in the Houston area. And Gerry Bishop says he was "0 for" on the 11/28 tests. The first time he was shut out in a long while.
- Thanks go out to Jim Boehm for all the radio-related newspaper clippings.
- A big DDXD-Welcome is hereby extended to first-time reporter Steve Bies of Crystal, Minnesota (another Golden Gopher!) and his cat. I'm holding you to your promise to "send more soon".
- Since this is the last issue before Christmas, the entire staff at DDXD-W wishes all the membership (plus anyone else who reads this) . . . a Happy Holiday season!!

REPORTERS

TR-IL Thomas Reiser Chicago Sony ICF 2003 with built in antenna.
TR-IL2 Thomas Reiser Champaign Sony WM-FX21 walkman
JIR-WI John Rieger South Milwaukee RF-2200
SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Valhalla Beach ICOM R-70 w/PLAM board & 0.5, 2.4 & 4 kHz filters + 6 beverages or SA-WG same guy, only at home in Winnipeg
JB-TX Jim Boehm San Antonio ICF-2010 + FAA-approved downspout antenna
RK-IL Robert Kramer, N9MBK Chicago rx: R-5000, R-1000, HQ-129X; ant: KIWA Loop, Radio West Loop, 80° SSW-NNE & 90° ESE-WNW wires, Super MWDX5-A phasing unit, 40db pre-amp; Audio Filters: Kantronics Signal Enforcer, MFJ-752C, Timewave DSP-59+ digital signal processor, JPS NIR-10 digital signal processor, Radio Shack DSP
SB-MN Steve Bies Crystal Lowe HF-150 + a KIWA Loop
DE-MO Dennis Elya Jefferson City Superadio III
FA-ID Frank Aden Boise rx: modified FRG-7, modified TRF, Sony SKF-42 AM \$ Walkman; ant: 45' N-S lw, 180' L-longwire, 4' box loop
JS-MN John Sampson Minneapolis Collins R388, Sanserino Loop, weak printer ribbon
JD-MN James Dale Rosemount unID
NAP-AL Neal Perdue Madison ICF-SW30 + McClintock Black Box tunable loop
JE-MN Jon Ellis, Maple Grove GE SuperRadio III and Select-A-Tenna
GB-FL Gerry Bishop Niceville
Ed-ID Editor Meridian Delco AM5/FM5 ETR or ICF-2010*

SPECIAL

- 1010 WSPD WI Steven's Point - Drops NBC news for ABC/I news. Also temporarily // to WMGU-104.9. (JE-MN)
- 1060 WRHL IL Rochelle - Per v/l power when I heard them (11/12 1915-1930) was 180 watts. No mention of 20 watt night power, as noted in AM Switch several weeks ago. (JS-MN)
- 1160 WJJD IL Chicago - Has dropped NOS for talk as of 11/21. (RK-IL)
- 1180 KOFI MT Kalispell - 12/3 2250 - Heard with oldies and SID as KOFI Kalispell . . . in Stereo so add that to Log. [Ed-ID*]
- 1320 KOLM MN Rochester - Changes format from USR Oldies to satellite Talk. I heard the prerecorded ID AM 1520 KOLM Rochester. We're all talk 7 times in 35 minutes. Talk about boring radio. And this was Rochester's only Oldies outlet. What's killing AM Radio? Format changes like this one! (JE-MN)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

530 ?TIS? - 11/11 1730 - Very poor, with woman saying Welcome to 22, operated by the US?? at Fort 22. (SA-MB)



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- 810 UNID ?? - 11/12 2120 - Poor, under CKJS, with blues and/or rhythm and blues music. (SA-MB)
- 940 UNID ?? - DY-CT's unID in Issue 7 (the first of 2, hi) is NOT KIOA-IA. They simulcast their FM and is *Oldies 93.3* - KIOA. Sorry. (JJR-IA)
- 1160 UNID ?? - heard twice - Mystery station, with ID as KRFF, *Your Christian Connection for the Roanoke Valley and New Riverton*. Has been IDed in previous DX News as WODY Fieldale, VA, but the K call doesn't match. (JD-MN) [There is a Riverton, but no New Riverton in VA. But Fieldale is in the Roanoke Valley. Probably them. Maybe a satellite feed - Ed.]
- 1610 UNID ?? - 11/12 1920 - Poor, with info about stopping at the log cabin at Highway 1 and 61. Also mentioned the area was a vacation paradise and international ... (SA-MB)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 570 WMAM+ WI Marinette - 11/28 0100 - Poor, with code IDs and TTs. (TR-IL)
- WMAM- WI Marinette - 11/28 0100-0300 - Nothing heard. In order to null KFXD, I ended up pointing loop towards KVI, so little chance of hearing this one. (FA-ID) 0100-0130, 0200-0245 - Not heard. (GB-FL)
- 940 CJGX- SK Yorkton - 11/28 0100-0130 - Nothing heard. I had hoped this one would make it. (FA-ID) Not heard. Blocked by WJPC splash. (TR-IL) Not heard. (GB-FL)
- 1200 WGNV- NY Newburgh - 11/14 Midnight - Not heard. Only WOPA and WOAL (SA-WG)
- 1220 WRIB- RI East Providence - 11/14 0030 - Not heard. Only CJOC and WKNR. (SA-WG)
- 1370 KFJM- ND Grand Forks - 11/28 0130-0200 - Nothing heard. KXTL dominant. (FA-ID) Not heard. (TR-IL) 0130-0200 - Not heard. (GB-FL)
- 1580 WVKOt OH Columbus - 11/28 0130 - Tentative, with TTs and CIDs. (TR-IL)
- WVKO- OH Columbus - 11/28 0130-0200 - Nothing heard, as expected. (FA-ID) Not heard. (GB-FL)
- 1600 WLL5- KY Hartford - 11/12 0100 - Not heard. Only KCRG and WAAM. (SA-MB)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 1610 WPEP??? IL Naperville - 11/12 0630 - Fair, with winter driving ... info will be available when needed ... and info on all sorts of events coming to Naperville. ID as WPEP???, 1610 on the AM band. New for me. (SA-MB)
- KOC745 WY Fort Laramie - 11/12 2012 - Poor-to-fair, with info on the fort and area around it. This stayed in for quite some time, and was in and out for two evenings. (SA-MB)
- 1620 WNWZ91L Bentonville - 11/12 2009 - Fair, with info and lots of emergency numbers that started 350-xxxx. This makes this one easier to pick out. (SA-MB)
- 1620 KGG68 TX Houston - From the 3/90 Houston telephone directory: three listings - all at address "E Highway 6, Alvin, TX" Travelers and recreation weather: (713) 228-8703; Administrative calls 8AM-430PM weekdays: (713) 331-3752; During severe weather or to report such: (713) 331-3752. (BF-IL)

WFTQ
AM 107.1

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 530 CKHL AB High Level - 11/12 0645 - Good, with High Level weather, into C&W music. (SA-MB)
- 570 WAAX AL Gadsden - 11/28 0110 - Fair, with weather warnings for various Alabama counties. (TR-IL)
- 580 CKY MB Winnipeg - 11/24 0246 - All *Oldies*, KY58. Above WIBW. New. (DE-MO)
- 640 KFI CA Los Angeles - 11/24 0206 - Karen Thompson for KFI Traffic Central. (DE-MO)
- WOI IA Ames - 11/24 0200 - VID, BBC World News. Over KFI and WWLS was gone. Usual daytimer here, but 1st time heard at night. (DE-MO)
- 740 KTWK CO Colorado Springs - 12/3 0306 - Weak, with CNN news, mixing with CBX. ID KTWK Colorado Springs during Canadian national anthem (CBX s/off). (JE-MN)
- 1220 CJRB MB Boissevain - 11/24 0232 - VID, then CLA music. Over WKNR. New. (DE-MO)
- 1230 KVOC WY Casper - 11/13 0600 - Good, with Westwood One program and local ads. KVOC Casper ID. New sign-on time, or are they 24 hours now? (SA-MB)
- 1320 KSIV MO Clayton - 11/24 0232 - VID after USA Radio News. Usual daytimer. 1st time at night from here. Over many others. (DE-MO)
- KOLT NE Scottsbluff - 11/7 0359 - Art Bell talk show, VID. Over many others. (DE-MO)

- 1370 KXTL MT Butte - 11/28 0130-0200 - Good times and great oldies, 1370, KXTL Butte. Good signal. On top most of time. (FA-ID)
- 1450 KNOT AZ Prescott - 11/25 0405 - Up from jumble with station promo by female: *Hi, this is Karen Moore, your puzzle and ?? heart phone in to our ?? capital, inviting y to tune in daily ?? commentary ?? and more news hard to the issues, conversation making thousands heard smart right here on Peoples (?) Heart on KNOT, 1450 AM. New. (JB-TX)*
- 1540 KXEL IA Waterloo - 11/28 0600 - Legal ID, mixing with ZNS-1 sign-on. (NAP-AL)
- 1570 WTLK NC Taylorsville - 11/27 0600 - Call letters three times, ads for Taylorsville businesses and into southern gospel on a Sunday AM. (NAP-AL)
- 1590 WIXK WI New Richmond - 11/7 0100 - Dual St. Paul/New Richmond ID. // 107.1 FM. Over KYDE. New. (DE-MO)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 1010 WIOI OH New Boston - 11/12 1600 - Poor, with ID as WIOI - Ohio into EZL music. New for me. (SA-MB)
- 1270 WFRN IN Elkhart - 11/15 1400 - Fair, and alone, with REL programming. New CLs for me, though doesn't count in totals. Possible because of silent WWCA. Ex: WCMR. (JJR-WD)
- 1360 WGEE WI Green Bay - 11/23 1500-1530 - Very strong, in null of semi-local KWRC, with C&W music and local ads. Early for this type of reception. (JS-MN)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 630 KJSL MO St. Louis - 11/23 2320 - AM 630, KJSL & REL. Last heard as KXOK. (NAP-AL)
- 890 KQLX ND Lisbon - 11/11 1755 - Strong, with sign-off info and SSB, leaving WLS. (SA-MB)
- 920 KDHL MN Faribault - 11/24 2350 - Poor, with *Solid Rocker* slogan, ID, and country music. New logging. (TR-IL)
- 930 KLUP TX Terrel Hills - 11/9 2314 - NOS, VID. Above a bunch of others. (DE-MO)
- 1070 WIBC IN Indianapolis - 11/23 1653-1705 - Weak, with *Indiana University* basketball. Several breaks and local ads. Heavy QRM from semi-local KMOM, WISO/others. First time heard here. They don't put very much signal this way. (JS-MN) [About 2 mw, hi. But may have still been on day pattern - Ed.]
- 1170 KVOO OK Tulsa - 12/3 2245 - Finally heard this old favorite. Fading up and down with female announcer taking C&W requests, male with quick rundown of days top 20 NCAA basketball scores, nice KVOO in the clear, and back to C&W. A little KSL slop. [Ed.-ID]
- WPLX TN Germantown - 11/26 1753 - Fair, with local ad and ID. With KVOO and WJJD splash. (RK-IL)
- 1190 KFEZ MO Kansas City - 11/21 1755-1810 - Easy listening/jazz music, with station ID and brief newsbreak at 1800. Strong signal, with QRM from KKOJ ('Hl 1800), KGBS and WOWO. Previously unheard here. (JS-MN)
- 1200 WOAI TX San Antonio - 11/26/94 2330 - Poor, with *Spurs* basketball postgame show. (TR-IL2)
- 1220 KDFC CA Palo Alto - 11/29 1754 - CLA music, followed by slogan: *Classical music for the Bay area*, KDFC into ad cluster including one for a *Yamaha Piano* dealer, one for the *San Francisco Symphony*, and then for LDDS. Then a PSA with a 408 area code. Full AM-FM ID at 1758 and back to CLA. Good daylight signal. Some QRM. Probably CJOC. New. [Ed.-ID]
- 1250 WEMP WI Milwaukee - 11/8 1817 - *Milwaukee's favorite songs are on WEMP*. OLD music. Alone, with minimal splash from local KWOS. (DE-MO)
- 1290 WMCS WI Greenfield - 11/12 2045 - Fair, with UC music, local ads. In a mess with KKAR and CIFX. New for me. (SA-MB)
- KOWB WY Laramie - 12/3 2225+ - Poor, with *Denver Nuggets vs Charlotte Hornets* NBA basketball. Break, and nice KOWB Laramie ID at 2231. Mixing with unID OLD with *Great songs and great memories*. Suspect KUMA-OR. [Ed.-ID]
- 1390 WHMA AL Anniston - 11/8 1759 - C&W music, VID, // 100.5 FM. Good SSS conditions. In the clear for about 10 minutes. (DE-MO)
- 1510 KGA WA Spokane - 11/12 1800 - Good, with *This is KGA and it's 4 O'Clock* into C&W music. Dominating the frequency. (SA-MB)
- 1530 WEYZ PA North East - 11/25 1800 - Fair, with WSAI phased, with NOS music and ID as WEYZ North East-Erie. (RK-IL)

- 1560 WQEW NY New York - 11/23 1805-1830 - Strongest ever here, with business news, traffic, ads and America's Popular Standards. Slight QRM from (probably) KCJ and WPAD. Have to null splatery local KYCR-1570 to get clean 1560 signals. Fortunately, WQEW is somewhat in the null. Have heard before, but never this well. Brought back memories of trying to DX from North Jersey. (JS-MN)
- 1580 KOKB OK Blackwell - 11/11 1820 - Poor, with sports talk and CL ID. On top of a mess. (SA-MB)
- 1590 WNTS IN Beech Grove - 11/24 1918 - Good with many WNTS ID's, spots, one ad gave the address in log. (JE-MN)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates North American record

1400 kHz	NE	Alliance	James Dale	Rosemount, MN	(Recalc) *528	104.5 FM	1420 AM	KESY
Totals	1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total	
James Dale Rosemount, MN	9	6	3	7	6	4	35	

DDXD-East NEWS AND VIEWS

A big DDX-East welcome to Jean Burnell who went to Cuba (!) to bag some Florida catches. Jean says "I don't usually spend a lot of time DXing domestics, but recently I was at Varadero on the north coast of Cuba, and I had a lot of fun listening to the Florida stations that would never make it to Newfoundland. Thus, the following logs!" And another welcome to Jim Cross from Dayton, OH. Good to hear from both of you!

John Hanz has some more information on his new radio that I have put at the end of the column.

Hank Holbrook says he purchased a Drake R-8 in November, "Very nice radio!"

From Robert Tiar: "Seems the sun 'blows up' every weekend before the DX Tests...at least it seems that way of late. Some good northern tests have gone by the wayside. 'A' has been in the 20-35 range, 'K' about 3-4. Very auroral generally. Verie back from WILY test just a coverage map and a business card...Jerry Starr received the same thing, so I was not alone! Better than nothing, but not much better."

Rich Harrison says "Again, some interesting stuff here, although shorter range and more westerly than some previous November openings, which were directed more towards the south-southwest (NC, SC, TN, GA, AL, etc.)."

SPECIAL

- 570 WMCA NY New York - 11/27 0430 - Again relaying WLIR-1300, apparently done on Sunday mornings only. (JH-NJ)
- 590 WAFC FL Clewiston - 11/7 1558 - SS religious program ending, slogan "la energia musical esta en Radio Fiesta", legal ID at 1600 "This is WAFC, Clewiston, quinienta noventa, Radio Fiesta", news to 1604:30 then slogan "Esta es la explosion musical de Radio Fiesta", salsa music. SIO 254. (JB-CU)
- 770 WWCN FL North Fort Myers - 11/11 1401 - USA Radio News interspersed with ads, local ad at 1406: employee wanted for the "Geebles Report", then at 1407 "You are tuned to the 'Geebles Report' on WWCN, AM 770, the real giant in talk radio". SIO 254. (JB-CU)
- 790 WAXY FL South Miami - 11/8 2204 - New call cf. AM Switch V.62 No.5 - Telephone number given is 930-0790, mentioning Miami, then Buddy Holly song. In the evening QRM'd by Reloj and an UNID station in SS, SIO 333 (but alone on the frequency daytime, SIO 455). (JB-CU)
- 920 KYST TX Texas City - 11/9 2210 - SS in R. Reloj null with ID "920, KYST, 920 Radio Alegria", then ads. SIO 343. (JB-CU)
- 930 WLLL VA Lynchburg - Re: the editor's log of this one in No. 9 indicating call change to WGOL, so far the FCC has not released this change. WLLL is now simulcasting their FM whose call is WGOL but I have not seen a change to WGOL-FM which would be required for WLLL to become WGOL. I suspect that somewhere in the hour the AM sneaks in a "WLLL" ID in the WGOL simulcast. Either that or the FCC has screwed up and missed this change in their Public Notices. It's happened before. Or maybe they'll eventually get around to letting us know about this change. I'd be interested to know if they used "WGOL" for the legal ID. (JS-OH) (As much as

we like to blame the Feds for everything, it's probably more accurate that I didn't hear an actual "legal" ID. At the very least, they are now //WGOL, 97.9 and now AC - Thanks for the info, Jerry - db)

- 1190 WOEQ FL Royal Palm Beach - 11/9 2253 - Creole, lots of ads for stores and a chiropractor in Palm Beach, Boynton Beach Boulevard, etc. "Legal" ID at 2300 had call letters in French only! QRM from tentative WOWO, SIO 333. (JB-CU)
- 1200 WDCQ FL Pine Island Center - 11/9 1511 - CW tune, ads including Standard Brands Electronic in Naples and Ft. Myers, phone talk (call 1-800-694-1200) with caller from Ft. Myers. SIO 433. (JB-CU)
- 1200 WKRL NY North Syracuse - Is //100.9 WKRL-FM, (both in North Syracuse) which, in turn is //WKLL-94.9. ALL are "K-Rock". (RE-PA)
- 1250 WDAE FL Tampa - 11/13 0001 - Found relaying their FM sister station, ID as "W 1-oh-1, Tampa Bay's favorite station". SIO 333. (JB-CU)
- 1300 WFFG FL Marathon - 11/9 1338 - Promo for sports coverage in "Sports on the Rock" 7-9 AM, legal ID at 1400 "Keys Talk, 13 Hundred. Talk, sports and news from Marathon and the Florida Keys, we are WFFG, 13-hundred AM", then NBC News. SIO 555. (JB-CU)
- 1360 WKAT FL North Miami - 11/9 0959 - SS ad for burglar alarms, ad for U. of Miami choir's CD, "Radio Paz" ID and legal ID "WKAT, North Miami, Miami, Fort Lauderdale. Radio Paz programando la buena noticia a todo el sur de la Florida y el Caribe. Esta es su emisora". SIO 555. (JB-CU)
- 1400 WMMZ SC Spartanburg - 11/28 - Noted with these call letters, ex-WYYR, NOS, and CNN News at :00, I think JSN's NOS "The Memory Station". (RT-NC)
- 1500 WKIZ FL Key West - 11/9 1006 - Pop song Wendy, //1600. Odd arrangement to have two AM stations in the same town with //program! SIO 454. (JB-CU)
- 1600 WKWF FL Key West - 11/9 1002 - On the air, cf. AM Switch V.62 No. 5, but relaying WKIZ-1500, CBS news, ads, tropical weather report (special watch on Tropical Storm Gordon), ID at 1006 as "WKIZ-AM stereo. The one to turn to for a song to sing along to." SIO 555. (JB-CU)
- 1600 WKWF FL Key West - 11/24 2024+ - Reactivated after about a year. First noted at this time with rock oldies. But things get a bit interesting/confusing as of this 11/29 writing. Signal is huge here in Clearwater during local darkness (was always very tough before). Uses various calls, such as "WKIV AM Stereo, the home of classic gold" and simply "WKIV AM Stereo", but at top of each hour "WKIV and WKWF, Key West". Called 305 information on two occasions, asking for WKIV and/or WKWF phone number. There's (to date) no listings for the Keys, presumably due to their recent reactivation. Called an announced phone number (1-800-765-TUNE) on 11/29 which turned out to be a satellite program service which the station is relaying. Told him to play an Eric Clapton track of his choice for me during the next hour, which he obliged. The DJ said he didn't have a recent affiliate update and apologized for not being able to help. My next call was to the FCC duty watch officer in Vero Beach. He was very interested in my observations. He told me that an FCC agent attempted to inspect the station within the past couple of days but no station personnel were there. He didn't understand the call letter conflation, and said that he would pass it along to the agent attempting to inspect the station this week. He also was not aware of why the current signal is much stronger than before. Besides the oldies format at nights, station airs CBS News top of hour, and a few local ad inserts (mostly car dealerships). This signal should get out very well beyond FL, at least in their present configuration. (TK-FL) (Based on Jean's logs, could this be dual IDs for WKIZ and WKWF? - db)

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DX TESTS

- 570 WMAM WI Marinette - 11/28 0100-0300 - Not heard, just Radio Reloj and later WAAX. Someone on frequency 0.1 kHz high. (DB-DE) ...Not heard. WAAX dominating with tornado warnings, also probably Radio Reloj. (JC-OH) ...Not heard. (SF-TN) ...Not heard, only semi-local WWNC, only way to null them is with a pack of dynamite strapped to their antenna array. (RT-NC)
- 600 WFRM PA Coudersport - 11/21 0200-0230 - Not heard. (SF-TN) ...Thought I heard code IDs at 0207 and 0214 amongst the jumble but random high-pitched hets all through the test make this one a no-go. (JL-OH) ...Not heard. (GM-VA) ...Not heard. (RT-NC)

- 800 KDDD TX Dumas - 11/21 0130-0200 - Not heard. (SF-TN) ...Not heard, only an UNID playing soft vocals under semi-local CKLW. (JL-OH) ...Not heard. (GM-VA) ...Not heard. (RT-NC)
- 940 CJGX SK Yorkton - 11/28 0100-0130 - Not heard, just SS and UNID (see below). (DB-DE) ...Not heard, did log KIOA. (JC-OH) ...Not heard. (SF-TN) ...Not heard, only WMIX and an UNID. (RT-NC) ...No show, only WINZ. (WPT-DC)
- 1200 WGNV NY Newburgh - 11/14 0000-0030 - Through QRM, code made it fairly well, and parts of a couple of voice IDs. (HH-MD1/2) ...Heard 0002-0006 through mess with code IDs, new. (JR-NY) ...Code only noted. (JS-OH) ...Code ID at 0004 good under WAGE. (WPT-DC)
- 1210 WILY IL Centralia - 11/14 0100-0130 - Heard with two different pitches of code and music from *The Nutcracker*. (GM-VA) ...Code only noted, "verie" back already but only a coverage map and business card, no verification message...rats. (JS-OH) ...Code ID 0109 fair-poor under WGMF. (WPT-DC)
- 1220 WRIB RI Providence - 11/14 0030-0100 - Heard with code ID, voice ID and instrumental music including *Greensleeves*, ended with *Auld Land Syne*. (GM-VA)
- 1340 WTRN PA Tyrone - 11/21 0200-0230 - Not heard. (SF-TN) ...Not heard. (GM-VA) ...Not heard. (RT-NC)
- 1370 KFJM ND Grand Forks - 11/28 0130-0200 - Absolutely nothing but trash, then very clear code ID at 0201. New, ND #1. (JC-OH) ...Only WSPD and WXXI, as usual. (DB-DE) ...Not heard, just WSPD and "weak" WDEF. (RT-NC)
- 1580 WVKO OH Columbus - 11/28 0130-0200 - Surprisingly weak, voice ID then appeal and phone number for donations. No code ID heard. (JC-OH) ...Barely audible, one fast code ID noted at 0151, nothing else...this one DID air. Last years test aired with code tape "lost". They did, however, verify. (RT-NC) ...Not heard. (SF-TN)
- 1600 WLLS KY Hartford - 11/12 0100-0130 - Under WBBD and others. Some code made it through and maybe some tone was theirs. (HH-MD1)

UNID AND UNID HELP

- 770 UNID 11/14 0257-0400 - With WABC off or OC (thanks Bill Hale for the e-mail tip in advance) RCN loud and clear, with something Mexican in their null (accordion "compah" music with tschew-tschew-tschew sound effects between songs) and tantalizing bits of EE talk through that, but might have been only WVNN. WABC back on at 0400. KKOBB possibly was to be non-directional. I had hoped with earlier receptions of CFXL-1140 and KFJR-550 that conditions would be favorable to the west. (JR-NY)
- 830 WADU? LA Norco - 11/10 2141 - SS, LA music, Central Time check, many IDs as "Radio Monumental", mentioned "aquí en la ciudad histórica de New Orleans" and later "aquí en el estado de Louisiana". Right direction for New Orleans. SIO 443. (JB-CU)
- 830 WADU LA Norco - Dave Schmidt's UNID in #9 could be this one. While their primary format is SS/ETI, they often play BFL/EZL music overnights (with very sparse talk and IDs) and get out very well for 750 watts. In fact, they come in well enough here to make me suspect they "forget" to power down from 5 kw sometimes. (LG-IL)
- 940 UNID 11/28 0100-0200+ - While trying for CJGX test someone with *Good Time Oldies* Magazine program with oldies, ads at 0120 for "Rolling Stones on pay-per-view", *LensCrafters*, *Pain Gel Plus*. ID at 0200 as "AM 94..." and lost to QRM. (DB-DE)
- 1280 UNID 11/13 0007 - SS, ads or promos many times for "Copacabana" - so often that I thought it may be the station name or slogan. Still doing it at 0031 recheck. SIO 344. (Perhaps not even a domestic, but bearing suggested Florida's east coast.) (JB-CU)
- 1360 UNID 11/13 0029 - Lots of soul music, few announcements until 0029 then "You're right where you should be, 1380, the Touch". SIO 444. (JB-CU) (Probably WRBQ - db)
- 1510 UNID SC - 11/24 1742 - Liner heard was "Serving Aiken, Midland Valley and North Augusta, this is AM 1510, (garbled call letters)." At 1800, the ID was slightly garbled but sounded like "WVAA, Aiken-Augusta-North Augusta." Nothing in the Log for this. (LG-FL)
- 1540 UNID 11/22 1905-1915 - Fair-good, Asian language talk, possibly Vietnamese, trading places with KXEL and WPTR, nothing in 14th Log. (JH-NJ) (Probably CHIN-ON - db)

0000 to 0800 ELT

- 540 WGTO FL Pine Hills - 11/15 0330 - With *Sports Tomorrow* show, fair-good signal in and out with CBEF, with slogan "WGI". (LW-NY)

- CBEF ON Windsor - 11/15 0327 - In with FM ID as "Ottawa's Big Rock, The Bear, 106.9 FM". (LW-NY) (Leslie, this is CJSB-Ottawa - db)
- 570 WAAX AL Gadsden - 11/28 0209 - CW music booming in while looking for WMAM test, ID, slogan "AM 57 Wax..." (DB-DE)
- 580 WHP PA Harrisburg - 11/30 0107 - Weak, station ID and local weather. New. (JC-OH)
- WCHS WV Charleston - 11/28 0300-0315 - Fair-good with sports talk, ID "WCHS Talk Radio 580, WCHS-580 Charleston". CBS News at :00, ads for Delta Airlines and Airtel Electronics. (JH-NJ)
- 590 WOW NE Omaha - 11/28 0149 - Sports roundup with Mary Ross(?) into CW over tentative WVLC with Bruce Williams. Very strong. (RT-NC)
- 680 WPTF NC Raleigh - 11/27 0001 - News, ID "WPTF Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill". (RH-NJ)
- 920 WMNI OH Columbus - 11/27 0244 - CW, "I-Country Music Radio". (RH-NJ)
- 940 KIOA IA Des Moines - 11/28 0050 - Fair, station ID and Thanksgiving slogan "We're serving the biggest turkeys of all time", then *Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah*. New. (JC-OH)
- 970 WJMX SC Florence - 11/28 0231 - Ad, mention of offices in downtown Florence during station promo. (DB-DE)
- 1000 CKBW NS Bridgewater - 11/23 0607-0622 - All alone with weather, ad for *Bridgewater Dodge*, "CKBW Time Capsule", oldies. (GM-VA)
- 1120 WADN MA Concord - 11/16 0625 - News, weather, spots over KMOX. (RH-NJ)
- KMOX MO St. Louis - 11/28 0130-0300 - Noted completely off. Been waiting years for this blowtorch to go "out". Tried for KPNW-OR, but nothing else heard. (RT-NC)
- KMOX MO St. Louis - 11/28 0223 - Noted off, nothing else heard. (DB-DE)
- 1160 WPIE NY Trumansburg - 11/27 0040 - CW, "More hot country on WPIE", got road atlas to find this Finger Lakes station. (RH-NJ)
- 1200 WKOX MA Framingham - 11/15 0652 - ID, traffic and weather together, oldies, mixing with others. (RH-NJ)
- WKRL NY North Syracuse - 11/21 0158 - First time heard with new calls, rock music. Formerly WNSS. (LW-NY)
- WAGE VA Leesburg - 11/21 0158 - With talk show and many "WAGE" IDs. Fair signal in QRM mess. (LW-NY)
- 1290 WCCC CT Hartford - 11/15 0635 - News, Honda ads, phone number 523-WCCC. (RH-NJ)
- 1350 WOYK PA York - 11/27 0605 - Fair with Sunday morning gospel. Came up briefly over WHWH. New. (JH-NJ)
- CKDO ON Oshawa - 11/19 0033 - GTO network music, new call, ex-CKAR. (RH-NJ)
- 1430 CJCL ON Toronto - 11/19 0035 - Sports news, ads, "Canada's only all-sports station". (RH-NJ)
- 1440 WSCO NY Oswego - 11/15 0630 - News, ID, mention of FM affiliate. (RH-NJ)
- 1450 WOCN FL Miami Beach - 11/11 0756 - Promo "Aquí Nicaragua" a través de Union Radio, 1450. SIO 344. (JB-CU)
- 1490 WAZL PA Hazleton - 11/27 0513 - In briefly with mention of Pennsylvania and an ID as the most powerful 1000 watt radio station. (BC-NH)
- WNBT PA Wellsboro - 11/27 0530 - Poor with mention of 104.5 FM, mixing with WAZL and others. (BC-NH)
- 1510 WLAC TN Nashville - 11/19 0152 - *Road Gang* CW show, weather along interstates coast-to-coast. (RH-NJ)
- 1560 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 11/14 0439-0500 - With some sort of medical call-in/infomercial show (also on 1570), calls at 0459 just before WQEW OC came on. Mostly over NOS (probably WPAD). (JR-NY)

0800 to 1600 ELT

- 560 WQAM FL Miami - 11/7 1544 - Sports talk, ad for Florida college football, ID "Sports Radio 560, WQAM", and *Bell South* ad. SIO 555. (JB-CU)
- 620 WSUN FL St. Petersburg - 11/11 1357 - *R. Rebelde* seemed absent, just a huge carrier and this puny, but easily readable signal. Ads, promo for "Roseanne" and other programs on "Channel 44", ID at 1400 "AM 620, WSUN St. Petersburg, Tampa, Clearwater, and the new home of Ron Ross (or Ron Ron?)" then weather and news. SIO 244. (JB-CU)
- 640 WHLO OH Akron - 11/16 0930 - ID "64 AM Stereo, WHLO", religious program. (RH-NJ)
- 820 WNZE FL Largo - 11/12 1359 - New call cf. *AM Switch* V.62 No. 5 - In Cuban null, ID "WNZE Largo, Tampa Bay, AM 820, the wins sports team", jingle "All sports, all the time, the team" then the "20-20 Team Ticker latest sports news". SIO 444. (JB-CU)

- 830 WKTX OH Corlind - 11/16 0840-0900 - Polka music show, ID on hour. Also heard afternoon of 11/14 with Hungarian show. (RH-NJ)
- 940 WINZ FL Miami - 11/12 1434 - Florida Gators football. SIO 455. (JB-CU)
- 980 CBV PQ Quebec - 11/16 1007 - FI news, ID. (RH-NJ)
- 1030 WUFL MI Sterling Heights - 11/16 0630 - Religious announcements for Detroit area, news and weather in WBZ null. (RH-NJ)
- 1040 WYFX FL Boynton Beach - 11/9 1439 - "Foxy 1040" ID, soul music. SIO 344. (JB-CU)
- WMTX FL Pinellas Park - 11/9 1452 - In WYFX null, Rolonda promo "on WFLA, channel 8", phone contest ("Which of the 7 dwarfs refuses to wash?"), Fleetwood Mac tune, ID at 1500 "You're listening to the best mix of today's hits and your all time favorites on 'Mix 96', Tampa Bay's best variety of music", jingle: "Mix 96, WMTX". SIO 243. (JB-CU)
- WSKE PA Everett - 11/14 1042 - Weak but clear for this hour, ID, dogs lost and found, other local spots. (RH-NJ)

1600 TO 2400 ELT

- 550 KFJR ND Bismarck - 11/13 2204 - Amazingly in with Bismarck weather and "K-fire" ID. Either WGR was off the air or some sort of propagation warp was happening! Heard again later, just as clear 11/14 0406. Not new, but very unusual. (JR-NY)
- 570 CJEM NB Edmundston - 11/18 2345 - Song *Bird on a Wire* in FF, songs in EE and FF. (RH-NJ)
- 580 WDBL FL Orlando - 11/12 2251 - Over SS station, football results, then talk about *Magic*: "...Join us for the next Magic game right here on WDBL". SIO 333. (JB-CU) (I believe the calls on this one are WDBQ - db)
- 610 WIOD FL Miami - 11/7 1606 - Telephone numbers including 1-800-944-WIOD, slogan "News-talk radio 610, WIOD", talk program with Bill Hendry. SIO 544 when R. Rebelde nulled. (JB-CU)
- 640 WLVI FL Royal Palm Beach - 11/8 1650 - In *Progreso* null, Mormon religious program asking for at least \$20 donations, at 1659 "This is IBN, the International Broadcasting Network", excerpt from Dave Thomas' book, at 1700 woman IDed "This is Elizabeth Roach, you're listening to WLVI, Royal Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Miami". In R. *Progreso* null, SIO 333. (JB-CU)
- CHOG ON Richmond Hill - 11/15 2240 - Rock music, "AM 640, the Beat of Toronto". (RH-NJ)
- 670 WWFE FL Miami - 11/8 1631 - SS "Radio Fe" ID's, legal ID at 1632 "Radio Fe, WWFE, Miami, Florida" then news read by Ricardo Quintana, and talk about Cuban problems. In R. *Rebelde* null, SIO 533. (JB-CU)
- 680 WCAW WV Charleston - 11/14 1755 - Ad for TV news programs about Russians settling in WV area, ID. (RH-NJ)
- 690 WPHE PA Phoenixville - 11/12 1613 - ID through CBF as "Radio Salvation". (JR-NY)
- 700 CHSJ NB St. John - 11/22 1559-1610 - Alone but somewhat weak with ID, news, weather and ads. Abruptly gone at 1610, power/pattern change? (GM-VA)
- 710 WAQI FL Miami - 11/11 2220 - In R. *Rebelde* null, SS ads for cars, Cuban music and health plan, ID as "Radio Mambi, la grande" then commentary by station owner. SIO 444. (JB-CU)
- 730 WCPT VA Alexandria - 11/14 1628 - CNN News, Washington news. (RH-NJ)
- 740 CHCM NF Marystown - 12/01 1630-1633 - CW music, then mentions of the Lion's Club in Marystown, a grand opening sale at "Supreme Drug Mart in the Columbia Drive Shopping Plaza", ad for *Top of the Hill Sewing Centre*, then ID "740 CHCM Country", weather "1 to 3 centimeters of snow, low temp's -2 to -6 C tonight, presently -1 degree C", mentioned that "VOCM 20-20 weather is presented by Tetley Tea". The signal was loud, way over a Spain-738 het and local WJTB. This shows that this station has local programming at times; it's not always //VOCM-590 St. John's. (MCMA)
- 740 WBDN FL Brandon - 11/10 2133 - Frequency is a real mess in R. *Relej* null. A station faded up with this local promo/ID "This is Jeff Brooks. Join me at 10 AM on Saturdays, right here on AM 760, WBDN", then national business talk program with caller from California. SIO 322. (JB-CU)
- 780 CFDR NS Dartmouth - 11/22 1630-1647 - Alone till fade-in of WABS with CW music, weather and IDs as "7-86 Country" (?). (GM-VA)
- 810 WEDO PA McKeesport - 11/14 1622 - Italian hour, news from Italy. "WEDO, McKeesport, also serving greater Pittsburgh area". (RH-NJ)
- 850 WNIS VA Norfolk - 11/14 1645 - Talk show, lots of ads, ID. (RH-NJ)

- 860 WGUL FL Dunedin - 11/11 2106 - ID for FM including "Tampa Bay's music of your life station". SIO 433. (JB-CU)
- 890 WBMA MA Dedham - 11/4 1640 - Heard for just a few minutes before sign-off or pattern change at 1645 with SS, tentative, ID as "Radio @\$\$%&". (JR-NY) (Be interested to hear how that's pronounced! - db)
- 940 WINZ FL Miami - 11/9 2216 - Sports talk, ads including for Miami Hurricane football tickets, WINZ Info-line, ID: "This is Florida's news and sports station, Newsradio 940, Wins". SIO 544. (JB-CU)
- 960 WFGL MA Fitchburg - 11/15 1656 - Full ID at this time with weak-fair signal. Ending syndicated programs at this time which seemed religious. A needed one. (HJH-PA1)
- 1070 KFDI KS Wichita - 11/20 1745 - Fair over/under WIBC with call letters, CW music. (MB-IN)
- 1110 CKTY ON Samia - 11/4 2057 - CW music, ID by woman, ex-CKJD, fair-good under WBT. (WPT-DC)
- CKTY ON Samia - 11/18 2255 - In with fair signal, under WBT, with CW music. ID as "The new 1110, CKTY". (LW-NY)
- 1130 WISN WI Milwaukee - 11/20 1937 - Poor with ad for *Poulter's Furniture*, ID as "News Talk WISN, ESPN Radio ??". *ESPN Sports* at 1930. (MB-IN)
- 1140 WQBA FL Miami - 11/9 2159 - SS, time check, ad, ID's ("WQBA, la primera en noticias") then news by woman. QRM from tentative WRVA and terrible locally generated buzzing noise, SIO 322. (JB-CU)
- CFXL AB Calgary - 11/13 2347 - With the PQ station off, I thought I'd go looking for the new Venezuelan, was I surprised to hear "Good Time Oldies" (Canadian)! Confirmed with "You're listening to G.T.O. on XL 1140". Alberta! Amazing! Maybe on day pattern? This one was strong in WRVA's null. (JR-NY) (Congratulations! - db)
- 1180 R. Marti FL Marathon Key - 11/9 2251 - "Radio Marti" ID, Cuban news. Dominant signal on this freq. SIO 544. (JB-CU)
- 1230 WBVP PA Beaver Falls - 11/29 2200 - News by woman, ID, fair. (WPT-DC)
- 1240 WVOS NY Liberty - 11/14 1759 - With "WVOS weather", then ABC news. (JR-NY)
- 1260 WEZE MA Boston - 11/18 2325 - Heard with *Family Radio's Open Forum* program. (LW-NY)
- 1270 CJTN ON Trenton - 11/14 1810 - News, ID, CW. (RH-NJ)
- 1290 WBZT FL West Palm Beach - 11/10 2102 - Ad, ABC news, "WBZT" ID, ad for bowling. Over R. *Encyclopedia*, SIO 443. (JB-CU)
- 1330 WADJ PA Somerset - 11/14 2130 - "WADJ, your home for Penn State football", news. (RH-NJ)
- 1420 WRCC GA Columbus - 11/11 2229 - Break in *Jim Bohannon Show* with ID "WRCC Columbus, the valley's local news authority" and a message from the IRS. SIO 322. (JB-CU)
- 1440 WNFL WI Green Bay - 11/26 2335 - Weak with station ID then "Sports Radio, ESPN", new. (JC-OH)
- 1450 WOCN FL Miami Beach - 11/10 2204 - SS, in a mess with ID for program for Dominicans, ID, slogan "La radio de todo los latinoamericanos". SIO 322. (JB-CU)
- WCTC NJ New Brunswick - 11/26 2331 - In briefly with morning show promo over WMAJ. (BC-NH)
- WMAJ PA State College - 11/26 2330 - Fair, sports promo and "Newstalk 1450" IDs. (BC-NH)
- 1460 WFYV FL Jacksonville - 11/28 2109 - Mention of "south of I-10" by man, fair. Ex-WPDQ. (WPT-DC) (Bill, this is now WZNZ - db)
- 1480 WSAR MA Fall River - 11/29 2306 - Many IDs in program promo into *American Sports Radio network* talk "live from Las Vegas". (DB-DE)
- 1500 WFFF CT Milford - 11/12 1605 - Black preacher with address for Bridgeport. UNID OLD station, too - NJ? (JR-NY)
- 1540 KXEL IA Waterloo - 11/22 1900 - Good with relay of KCRG-Channel 9 TV 6-PM news audio. (JH-NJ)
- 1540 CHIN ON Toronto - 11/9 2304 - No ID, but who else would have Indian film music here? SIO 222. (JB-CU)
- 1600 WPOM FL Riviera Beach - 11/9 2134 - Caught ID in WKWF null. QRM WKWF and at least 1 other US station. Heard Creole here a few minutes later, not sure if this was WPOM or another... SIO 322. (JB-CU)
- WTZQ NC Hendersonville - 11/26 2325 - Very good with mentions of Hendersonville, station ID and NOS. New. 21 watts? (JC-OH)

OTHER STUFF

- 530 WQC884 VA Carmel Church - Report in No. 3 location is Carmel Church, not Camels Church. It's on I-95 about 20 miles north of Richmond near Kings Dominion. (JS-OH)
- 1610 ????224 NY Westchester County - 11/23 2247-2345 - Man and woman alternating with events message loop about a minute long. "Coming up next at Westchester County Center..." Very, very weak amid lightning crashes and a weak Anguilla. Had to listen several times to decipher. (HJH-PA2)
- 1620 TIS CT - 11/21 0220+ - Connecticut Department of Transportation TIS very loud with male-female tape loop, what sort of facility does this thing have? It's heard all over the east and midwest. (JS-OH)
- 1685 KA90385 11/21 0100+ - ID sent thrice approximately every five minutes, fast code (25 wpm or so) over MER. (JS-OH)
- 1685 MER Colombia Mercaderes - 11/21 0100+ - MER repeated continuously in slow code. (JS-OH)
- 1690 QT61 11/21 0120+ - "QT61" sent continuously. (JS-OH)



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REPORTERS

- JB-CU Jean Burnell, DXing at Varadero, Province of Matanzas, Cuba: Radio Shack DX-440
- MB-IN Mark Burns, Terre Haute, IN: Drake R-8, 80' longwire, Quantum loop
- MC-MA Mark Connelly, WA1ION, Andover, MA: car radio at work parking lot
- BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua, NH: ICF-2010 with Kiwa filter upgrade, MWDX-5, 30-m longwire, 23-m southeast sloper
- JC-OH Jim Cross, Dayton, OH: Superadio III, unamplified 4' wedge loop
- RE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA:
- SF-TN Steve Francis, Alcoa, TN: Realistic TRF
- LG-FL Lynn Gillis, Jacksonville, FL: ICF-6500W
- JH-NJ John Hanz, Old Bridge, NJ: Panasonic RQ-V60
- RH-NJ Rich Harrison, Hewitt, NJ: Grundig Satellit 3400, SM-2, Select-a-tenna
- HJH-PA1 Harry J. Hayes, Wilkes-Barre, PA: Superadio II, Superloop
- HJH-PA2 Harry J. Hayes, Thornhurst, PA: Superadio II, Superloop
- HH-MD1 Hank Holbrook, Dunkirk, MD: Hammarlund SP-600, Colegrove loop
- HH-MD2 Hank Holbrook, Dunkirk, MD: Drake R-8, 120' random wire
- TK-FL Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater, FL: NRD-535S, HQ-180A, Superadio III, ICF-2002, Scotka ferrite core loop
- JL-OH Jeffrey Less, Toledo, OH: Panasonic RF-5000A
- GM-VA Greg Myers, P.O. Box 4360, Virginia Beach, VA 23454:
- JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Rochester, NY:
- JS-OH Jerry Starr, Youngstown, OH:
- RT-NC Robert J. Tiara, Hendersonville, NC: R-5000, 24" amplified ferrite loop, many longwires
- WPT-DC Bill Townshend, Washington, DC: Sony ICF-2010
- LW-NY Leslie Wood, North Merrick, LI, NY: Superadio II and III
- DB-DE Dave Braun, Wyoming, DE: R-5000, Quantum loop



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This week's IDXD typing marathon began with five letters in Fridays' mail, only moments after sending out last week's monstrous column. Welcome to Bill Townshend, adding the D of C to our list of listening sites for 1994-'95, to John Wilkins for adding Colorado, to Robert Ross, all for the first time this season. Ray Arruda and Leslie Wood are here this week (were they ever here before? I can't remember.), and first-timer Lynn Gillis. John Wilkins is back with a bang, with a TA report from Colorado. All in all, more reporters in one column than I've ever seen!

Remember, please send QSL information to Ken MacHarg. I will forward items received here to him, but this delays publication.

Deadlines: best when it gets here by Saturday mail, after that your report may get held until the following week.

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 585 SPAIN RNE-1 Madrid, DEC 1 2223 - SS talk by woman // 855 fair-good. [Yocis-CT]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS RNE1 Tenerife, NOV 6 0516-0526 - Tentative with SS vocals, nice fade-ups but bad splatter, man speaking SS 0521-24, into more music. A wicked het on 620 kHz, no ID heard though. [Ross-ON]
- 693 UNID, NOV 6 0528 - no audio, just a nice het. Anybody's guess? [Ross-ON] (Pluto? - Jim :-)
- 711 MOROCCO Laayoune (i), DEC 5 2339 - group AA vocal, in bad slop (WOR/Cuba). [Connelly-MA]
- 765 SENEGAL Dakar, DEC 3 2135 - AA-dialect talk by man; to good peak with WABC phased. DEC 5 2336 - chanting, then AA-sounding talk. [Connelly-MA]
- 756 SPAIN R.Euskadi, Bilbao, DEC 3 2359 - Fair, "Radio Euskadi y Radio Vitoria" ID and news in Spanish, jazz music. [Conti-NH]
- 765 SWITZERLAND RSR, Sottens, DEC 4 0500 - Fair, classical music, news in French. [Conti-NH]
- 774 SPAIN synchros., DEC 5 2350 - man & woman in SS // 835; fair through WABC slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 855 SPAIN RNE-1 Murcia et al, DEC 1 2209 - SS talk by man, good. [Yocis-CT] DEC 5 2351 - man & woman in SS // 774; good, over second station (Romania?); WEEI-850 phased. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 UNID (EGYPT or MOROCCO), DEC 5 2331 - male Koranic AA vocal; good. I didn't find any parallel frequencies (several potential ones had too much domestic slop at the time). [Connelly-MA]
- 882 CANARY IS. La Laguna, and possibly UNID, NOV 16 2215 & NOV 22 2150 - Orchestra music with fem vocals. NOV 20 2210 - Woman singing spirituals. Strong signal, but not what you would expect from Canary Islands. Was midway between 880 and 885. So who? [Dangerfield-PA]
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers, DEC 5 2357 - AA vocal; fair with WBMA phased. DEC 6 0145 - Kenny G jazz, then AA talk; fair to good. DEC 6 0517 - male Koranic AA vocal, then man talking in AA; loud. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 ENGLAND, DEC 5 2325 - BBC news in EE by woman emerged out of a multiple-station pile; fair, some CHRL slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 999 SPAIN Madrid, DEC 5 2322 - fast SS talk by man; to good peaks. [Connelly-MA]
- 1017 GERMANY Rheinsender, NOV 25 2244 - Tentative, poor-fair with bits of music, seemed // 7265 when audible, but not good enough to tell for sure. [Braun-DE]
- 1044 MOROCCO Sebba-Aioune, DEC 5 2320 - male pop-rock vocal; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK Kalundborg, DEC 5 0501 - news in Danish by man; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, DEC 5 2319 - SS talk mixed with bad growl. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN, DEC 5 2318 - SS talk, well over AA-sounding station that was likely Egypt. [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 SPAIN COPE, DEC 3 2320 - Fair, music and telephone talk in Spanish, over an UNID station. [Conti-NH]
- 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, DEC 3 2143 - SER network SS news over other station; fair with WHAM phased. [Connelly-MA]
- 1197 MOROCCO Agadir, DEC 3 0035 - Signal up. Pop music. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1215 SPAIN, DEC 5 2312 - SS talk by man; poor. WGMP phased to nothing, but the splash from the conglomeration of stations on 1220 was a problem. [Connelly-MA]

- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli, DEC 3 0035 - Good with man in AA & music. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 3 2145 - AA vocal in WKBR slop. DEC 5 2310 - AA music, slopped. [Connelly-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY Kvitsoy, NOV 25 2232 - Good with NN talk by man and woman. [Braun-DE]
- 1349 MAURETANIA Nouakchott, NOV 21 2346 - In clear with native music featuring string instruments. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1395 ALBANIA Lushnje, DEC 1 2140 - Very strong with religious talk in American EE. Seems best just after sunset. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1431 UKRAINE Kopani, NOV 30 0430 - Very good with woman in Ukrainian or Mayak, reading the news. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1467 FRANCE Roumoules, DEC 5 2305 - preacher in EE gave a London mailing address. Signal was strong on peaks, but there was a lot of fading. [Connelly-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba - DEC 1 2158 - AA chanting good. [Yocis-CT] DEC 4 2020 - man talking in AA with occasional musical interludes, was // 9870; good 59+20 peak about an hour before local sunset. [Connelly-MA]
- 1539 UNID, NOV 30 0406 - Strong signal, only weak bits of music heard in 1540 hash. [Braun-DE]
- 1544 CLANDESTINE (ALGERIA or MOROCCO), DEC 4 2034 - bits of AA music sometimes getting by WMYF/WADK/WPTR-1540 slop; local WNTN-1550 phased. [Connelly-MA]
- 1548 KUWAIT VOA, SEPT 19 0230 - Originally thought to be Moldava relay of Radio Moscow in EE (I wasn't sure). Alm of Sweden says he has been hearing VOA Kuwait in EE. This would tie in with my log of U.S.A. news by a man and woman in American EE. [Dangerfield-PA] (If so, I very nice logging, perhaps a new country for you? - Jim)
- 1548 ENGLAND, DEC 5 0105 - news in EE; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1566 AZORES Vila do Porto, DEC 4 2025 - PP talk in slop from WNSH-1570 and WQEW-1560. [Connelly-MA]
- 1566 BELARUS (t), DEC 5 0214 - RR-sounding talk, in WQEW slop. There were numerous long-haul dawn-enhancement / "sweet spot" hets in (such as suspected UAE-1314, Kuwait-1341, & Oman-1413): these faded shortly after 0230 when "routine" western Europeans started getting stronger. [Connelly-MA]
- 1566 TUNISIA Sfax, DEC 1 2200 - Woman in AA with news. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1611 VATICAN CITY, Vatican Radio, NOV 18 0558 - Very weak talk, couldn't even determine the language, but IDed by familiar Interval Signal, the same one they've been using on SW for at least 30 years. First ever TA logging, although carriers and scraps of audio have been noted on other frequencies in the past. Thanks again to local KWMX-1600 being off. [Wilkins-CO] (great logging - Jim) NOV 21 0419-0440 - Interval signal several times at 0419-20, positive ID, sign-on at 0420, Byelorussian program, religious organ music, wicked het on 1610, choir music 0438-9, interval signal repeated again at 0439-40. New country #32 on BCB. [Ross-ON]

Mark speaks: "Comments: Although it's December, the higher-latitude TA signals are not as rock-solid as they had been during much of September and October. During a given evening, signals may get strong, drop out for a while, and then rebound. Listening at two different times a few hours apart on the same night can give vastly different impressions of how good the conditions are. In early autumn, stations such as Norway-1314 were good (over 59) for most of the evening; this isn't the case now."

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 526 BAHAMAS ZLS, Stella Maris, NOV 13 2358 - repeating code ID, fair. Any ideas where this bird may be? [Townshend-DC] (note correct frequency, Bill, and here's the address: FAA, Caribbean Sector Office, PO Box 592057, Miami FL 33159. Stella Maris is on Long Island in the Bahamas. - Jim)
- 531.9 TURKS & CAICOS, DEC 6 0539 - These guys are off channel again - I'm not sure how long this will last. Usual SS religious talk and Radio Vision Cristiana ID was noted. The signal was strong, but it was hotted badly by Spain / Algeria - 531 and CIAO - 530 at various times. Grenada's carrier was noted on 535, but audio - if present - was mauled by a TV birdie. [Connelly-MA] (this explains the whistle I heard against CIAO-530 on the car radio on the same evening - Jim)
- 535 TURKS & CAICOS, OCT 31 0800 - SS talk, ID by man in EE (mentioning Turks and Caicos), good. [Townshend-DC] OCT 31 0715-0800 - Very good with music and VIDs in EE & SS, SS announcer, no TT or code noted. [Arruda-MA] NOV 21 - In with test; ID as "WWRV 1330, Paterson, New Jersey" airing programming over "Radio Vision Cristiana, Turks and Caicos Isles". #3 heard from Turks & Caicos. [Wood-NY] NOV 21 0700-0900 - Very good with no special programming noted. [Tiara-NC]
- 550 CUBA R. Rebelde - NOV 23 0254 - baseball game // 600, 710 good. (Yocis-CT)

- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ Baseeterre, DEC 2 0118 - Excellent with Calypso music by different groups including The Eastern Man Supporters and Socrates Club. Ads for Daves Super Meals On Wheels and Steves Street Inn - Restaurant & Night Club. Announcer frequently mentioned it was carnival time. [Beaton-MA] NOV 14 0140-0145 - Fair with EE fire and brimstone preacher, gospel music, in and out of the slop. [Ross-ON]
- 580 PUERTO RICO - WKAQ San Juan - NOV 27 0226 - local ads, "WKAQ Radio Reloj" ID, very good. [Yocis-CT]
- 595 DOMINICA DBS Hillsborough, NOV 14 0147-0156 - Fair, male DJ with EE chatter, into EE pop music, music countdown, gave address, into more pop music. [Ross-ON] 620 UNID (NICARAGUA?), NOV 6 0609-0630 - Fair/good, lively SS music/vocals. Some marimba music, music jingles, two men with interview, mentions of "escuelas", soft guitar ballads, faded out by ID time at 0630. [Ross-ON]
- 640 GUADELOUPE RFO - NOV 23 0314 - FF talk // 1375 fair with Cuban. (Yocis-CT)
- 655 EL SALVADOR YSS San Salvador, OCT 27 0322 - Fair with female vocal. Better at 0327 with string music and man in SS. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 690 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, OCT 26 0012 - Strong atop frequency with religious talk in EE by a man. This was being translated into SS by another man. [Dangerfield-PA] NOV 25 2255 - Presumed the one with nonstop announcements by Dr. Gene Scott, mentions of phone numbers and addresses, in CBF null. [Braun-DE]
- 690 COLOMBIA R. Deportes, DEC 7 0225 - Tentative, with mention of "Colombia" under CBF. Usually only Caribbean Beacon heard here. [Renfrew-NY]
- 700 JAMAICA R. One - NOV 23 0318 - EE talk re Caribbean politics fair; maybe it's because I'm using a loop instead of a LW this fall, but this one seems more regular than usual for me this year. [Yocis-CT]
- 730 MEXICO XEX Mexico City, NOV 29 0333 - Very good. Woman in SS with station ID by a man. Atop frequency. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 770 COLOMBIA HJXX RCN Bogotá, NOV 28 0800 - Presumed to be the one here with news, Colombia mentions, instrumental music at 0805, fair, battling WABC. [Sorenson-ON] DEC 2 0242 - SS talk about Colombia, promo // 760 fair-prior under semi-local WABC. [Yocis-CT]
- 770 MEXICO (re: Renfrew's UNID in IDXD 62-10) - Your UNID Mexican is probably XEIH Fresnillo. They run an all-night satellite feed which places three sounds after each song, as you described. [Hall-CA] (Thanks, Tim; by the way I mistakenly gave 0300-0400 as the reception time in IDXD 62-10, I forgot to convert to UTC, it was actually 0800-0900 UTC, so I hope your tip still stands - Jim)
- 780 MEXICO XESFT San Fernando, NOV 30 0048 - Good with lots of chatter and clear "La Bronca Norfuela" IDs. [Gillis-FL]
- 830 VENEZUELA R. Sensación (YVLT Caracas) - DEC 2 0245 - ballads, "En Radio Sensación ..." between songs, fair-good over St. Kitts [Yocis-CT]
- 830 DOMINICAN REP. HJJB Santo Domingo, NOV 28 2300 - Man in SS with frequency mentions of Dominican Rep. over another SS station. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 860 MEXICO XECCN Cancún, NOV 30 0037 - Radio Caribe, mixing with an UNID SS, with spots for an electronics store and several vacation resorts. [Gillis-FL]
- 860 DOMINICAN REP. HJLR Santo Domingo, NOV 28 2255 - Man in SS with high pitched voice, mentions of Santo Domingo. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 880 VENEZUELA R. Mundial, Puerto Ordaz, DEC 4 0540 - Poor, salsa music and Radio Mundial ID, under WCBS-New York. [Conti-NH]
- 880 ECUADOR Radio Católica Nacional Quito, NOV 28 2340 - 2 men in SS with frequent mentions of Quito. Signal was quite strong and over WCBS most of the time. Another SS station's here also. [Dangerfield-PA] (very nice, I've only seen this one reported during the middle of the night - Jim)
- 890 COLOMBIA HJCE Bogotá, NOV 29 0248 - LA music with accordion, SS talk by man, fair. [Townshend-DC]
- 890 CUBA - I've been hearing Radio Progreso here nightly // 860 and 900 - does anyone know the city / call? [Gillis-FL]
- 900 CUBA R. Progreso, Cacocúm, DEC 4 0600 - Fair, romantic ballads, mixing with CHML/CKTS-Canada, // 740. [Conti-NH]
- 940 MEXICO XEQ Mexico DF, NOV 28 0744 - With SS talk, typical Mexican music again at 0805 with more of the same type of music and what sounded like as XEQ (equis eh koo) call letter ID around 0809. Fair to good over another SS, possibly Venezuela or Colombia, both of which were heard here last season. [Sorenson-ON] (Under XEQ, Venezuela the most common here - Jim)

- 960 COLOMBIA CARACOL, Magangüe, DEC 4 0630 - Good, CARACOL ID and time check "es la una treinta", LA music, // 5075, over R. Kelo-Cuba. [Conti-NH]
- 960 DOMINICAN REP. HIFF Puerta Plata, NOV 28 2322 - Man in SS mentioned Puerta Plata. Then several commercials and the name Puerta Plata was heard again. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 970 DOMINICAN REP. HIPP La Vega, NOV 28 2245 - Good with SS popsongs, fem vocals. Dominican stations were all over this part of the dial at the time. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 970 VENEZUELA UNID - DEC 5 1015 - SS news by man, music bridge between items, slogans, several shouted "Venezuela!", fair-poor under WWDJ. [Yocis-CT]
- 1000 MEXICO XEOY Mexico City, NOV 29 0037 and 0330 - Strong atop frequency. Man and woman in SS with many IDs for Radio Mil and many mentions of Mexico. Dominated this frequency. [Dangerfield-PA] NOV 30 0042 - Radio Mil, singing ID and rapid-fire news items. [Gillis-FL]
- 1010 DOMINICAN REP. HIPP Santo Domingo, NOV 28 2240 - Very strong with an ID by a man in SS. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1020 DOMINICAN REP. HITS Tamayo, NOV 28 2238 & 2320 - Very strong with pop music and songs by a woman. Dominican stations were like locals on this part of the band at the time. [Dangerfield-PA] (This is the one that was for a time broadcasting news in Creole to Haiti, until told to stop by the DR government - Jim)
- 1030 DOMINICAN REP. HIDL La Vega, NOV 28 2240 - Man, then woman, in SS. Mentioned Dominican Rep. several times. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1040 DOMINICAN REP. HICN Santo Domingo, NOV 28 2238 - Man in SS IDed station in "Republica Dominicana". [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1080 COLOMBIA HJAW Monteria, NOV 29 0240 - Rhumba, song in SS, fair to good. [Townshend-DC]
- 1160 BERMUDA Hamilton VSB, NOV 28 0316 - In stronger than its // on 5975! Sports Round Up with Hillary Bishop into a very interesting show called Request Program with worldwide audience participation. [Beaton-MA]
- 1170 COLOMBIA HJNW Cartagena, NOV 7 0703-17 - Talk or news, ID at 0715 as "La Hora Caracol", man and woman alternating reading, fair. [Trelford-JAM] NOV 27 0245 - SS music, Caracol ID fair, WWVA nulled. [Yocis-CT]
- 1170 MEXICO XERT Radio Once Setenta, La Gigante, Reynosa, NOV 27 0043-0356* - Program of ranchera music followed by futbol game between the Reynosa Broncos and the Chihuahua Centauros. IDs as "Radio Once Setenta, La Gigante", and call letters given a few times. Right after the game, a man announced the end of the transmission, then the Mexican National Anthem and off. [Lazarus-LA]
- 1200 VENEZUELA Caracas YVOZ, NOV 27 2351 - Good over local WKOX. Fútbol scores then Tango music which I think came from Argentina (frequent mentions of Buenos Aires and Argentina between music.) Numerous: "R. Tiempo frecuencia Mil Doscientos" IDs. [Beaton-MA]
- 1240 BAHAMAS ZNS2 Nassau, NOV 6 0103-33 - Religious, mention of Bahamas, poor through lots of interference. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1500 UNID, DEC 1 2333-2358 Fair to poor in WTOP null, sounded like Creole talk - definitely not SS - and no domestics fit the description. This would seem to point to 4VOC, but no other Haitians were coming in. Maybe some of the Haitian stations were knocked off the air by TS Gordon or the domestic unrest? Or might this be something else? [Gillis-FL] (Many Haitian stations have been off the air because of the high cost of the fuel - due to the embargo - to run generators - Jim)
- 1520 COLOMBIA Ecos del Palmar, DEC 1 0314 - Vocals with accordians, male DJ, carted "Ecos del Palmar, HJLI, 1520 kHz en Santa Fe de Bogotá, Distrito Capital" at 0331, then reverbed woman with ID. Good. [Krueger-FL]
- 1530 MEXICO XEUR Mexico City, NOV 29 0500 - Pop music with female vocals and announcements by a man mentioning Mexico often. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1540 BAHAMAS Nassau ZNS1, NOV 28 2317 - Excellent - knocking WPTR for a loop! Sporting Roundup-local sports report, Community Announcements, Senemus Network News - with talk about the official opening in Nassau of the first International Biodiversity conference to stop the depletion of Biological Diversity. There were also local ads, U.S. pop music and a call in talk show called Speak Up The Bahamas-The Bahamas Hears From You. Numerous R. Bahamas IDs. (New country for me!) [Beaton-MA]
- 1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, NOV 4 2324 - With preaching program, announcements at 2328, musical bridge, ID by man at 2330 "This is the Caribbean Beacon, the time is 7:30." Much stronger than I get them at the home QTH. [Sorenson-ON] NOV 16 0108 - Local news to 0114, then ad for local photo lab; 0115 international news; 0121 ad for insurance company; 0122 weather; then 35 minutes of uninterrupted GOS music. Not new, but a lot easier since local KWMX-1600 has been off at night. [Wilkins-CO] DEC 3 0453 - Station playing jazzy versions

of Melencholy Baby and Satin Doll behind the Philadelphia Airport TIS station. Gave 1-800-3030 to call. Must have been Anguilla. [Dangerfield-PA]

UNIDS, ETC.

- BAHAMAS: Regarding Loyd Van Horn's Deutsch Welle transcription program, I've never heard DW via ZNS (but they do air LOTS of gospel programming). However, my listening here is very spotty thus inconclusive. [Krueger-FL] (Perhaps CHIN, then? - Jim)
- CLANDESTINE: To date, still no replies to my inquiries to the VOA regarding the site of the (now inactive?) R. Marti relay on 1020. May consider filing a Freedom of Information Act inquiry (usually a nominal fee at best) and see what results. [Krueger-FL] (Terry, I once worked through my congresswoman to get an AFRTS QSL. I had sent six requests to no avail, but she delivered the QSL in less than a week, along with copies of her correspondence. Perhaps your local "Senator Pothole" (e.g., a representative who specializes in constituent services) can do the same for you on this one? - Jim) (It's unlikely that any individual with the VOA will be able to deliver any information regarding any VOA transmissions. The VOA's policy is not to provide any information concerning programming, etc., and any employee providing info against regulations would most likely be seeking new employment immediately. Jim's suggestion is probably the best solution - pls).
- CUBA: Regarding the recent, multiple 690 entries (jammer, unID, etc), refer back to my original item in IDXD in DXN 62-1. This is emitting from the Progreso transmitter, and remains as of this writing (DEC 2). Suspect it's a very defective transmitter. [Krueger-FL] (Egad, you mean the answer was already in IDXD? I need a research assistant! - Jim)
- JAMAICA: Regarding Bruce and Jim's queries, JBC from Montego Bay on 700 is still active, heard as I type this 0245 on DEC 2. [Krueger-FL]
- UNID: Thanks to Olle Alm for his info on France-837. Anybody have any idea who would have FF there around 0400? [Braun-DE] (Maybe the Azores? PP might sound like FF through interference - Jim)

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Station Profile

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WSMN AM 1590

Your Favorite Radio Station

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A rambling wooden house atop a grassy knoll overlooking Nashua, New Hampshire's West Hollis Street headquarters the Granite State's only AM country music station, and one of the Live Free or Die's most reliable, best known full service radio voices. Since it signed on the air on March 9, 1958, WSMN - 1590 has been the southern Merrimack Valley's source for news, information, and

music. The call, WSMN, in fact, stands for Weather, Sports, Music, and News, the format which Nashua's only locally owned station has broadcast since its first day.

In the late 1950's, then Nashua Mayor Claude Nichols decided to enter the radio business. He applied for 5000 watts full time on 1590 khz, its present power and dial position, and built studios and offices on the first floor of his home. His huge living room today houses WSMN's control room, production studio, and news booth. His living quarters, now filled by WSMN's offices, were upstairs, over the station. Realizing the necessity to serve the large textile manufacturing center of Nashua, his station would be dedicated to serving the area with local news, information, and sports. If it happened in Nashua, listeners would hear of it on WSMN. News was surrounded by beautiful music with some rock music for the area's teens. WSMN affiliated with the ABC Network.

A year later Mayor Nichols sold WSMN for \$80,000 to the Merrimack Valley Broadcasting Corp. Many early WSMN staffers are still, decades later, working at WSMN, very unusual in a business characterized by long hours, low wages, and little job security. The first morning DJ, Frank Teas, is still with WSMN as a sales representative - 36 years later! In his on air days he required no fewer than six alarm clocks to awaken him at 4:00am. Frank would sign the station on and broadcast the four hour morning show. He would then host the midday "Stop the Spin and Win", a telephone contest show.

Another popular WSMN personality in the 1960's carried the air name Ernie Andrews. Ernie moved to the big time in Boston and became a popular TV anchor in New York City, using his real name - Ernest Anastos.

April 1959 saw WSMN again sold, to its present owner, the 1590 Broadcasting Corp., publishers of a weekly Nashua newspaper. Former state senator David Alan Rock became general manager, and oversaw the station until he died of cancer. A member of the first 1958 staff, Maurice Parent, returned as WSMN General Manager, where he serves today. Another significant staff change occurred as News Director Ed Lecius Jr., with 17 years' tenure, left to join the then New Hampshire governor John Sununu's staff. Over the years he and his dad formed a unique father - son broadcasting team covering Nashua High School football and basketball play by play over 1590.

While constantly maintaining a full service news and information format, WSMN dropped beautiful music in 1978 for an adult contemporary format. Through later years rock and roll and oldies were offered to WSMN listeners, from, as a slogan of the times stated "The Triple Towers of the Mighty 1590".

In 1992, WSMN took the bold step, based upon listener requests to go to a country music format. "AM 1590" presently is New Hampshire's only AM country music station. (Four New Hampshire FM stations and two Boston FM stations presently format country music). WSMN markets itself as the only country station within 50 miles - WKOX-1200, Framingham, MA., is the only other AM country station in the metro Boston area. ABC has been replaced by Mutual News feed.

Today, Nashua residents hear live assisted country music from 5:30am until midnight, presented by six disc jockeys. Mutual News on each hour is augmented by local "Direct Line News". Direct Line News airs half hour news blocks at 8:00am, noon and 5:00pm, complete with the police blotter and obituaries, furnished by local funeral homes. WSMN maintains a news staff all day, to update local happenings. While Boston is but 40 miles away, Nashua has turned into somewhat of a commuter town. Residents drive to jobs along Route 128 and in downtown Boston. However, WSMN does not attempt to compete with Boston radio. It focuses on being Nashua's sources for news and information, and estimates that it has over 70,000 listeners, during AM drive.

The station's sports commitment today includes not only local and Mutual sports casts throughout the day, but Nashua High and Bishop Guertin football and basketball contests. including tournament play are carried live.

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WSMN's dynamic Chief Operator and Program Director, John Halbert, has been responsible in part for maintaining a high standard of news coverage. He attends Nashua Board of Education, Board of Selectmen, and other civic meetings for his station. WSMN is Southern New Hampshire's choice for election coverage, for all area towns. He loves his job and WSMN, and sixteen hour days are not unusual for John.

WSMN is well known for raising money for Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Fund - raising over \$42,000 in 1993. The station is active in numerous other Nashua events. WSMN regularly gives tours for schools, the scouts, and other interested groups, including a group of National Radio Club members attending the 1994 Merrimack Convention. WSMN's owner, the 1590 Broadcasting Corp., also distributes a free weekly newspaper, the 1590 Broadcaster, to over 70,000 area residents.

WSMN's house today contains the studios and offices and is undergoing renovations as AM Stereo is being installed. Presently 26 people work at WSMN, down from 52 regulars years ago! Behind a nearby pine grove is found WSMN's new Nautel transmitter, and the station's antenna system, consisting of three in line 167 foot high towers, which push the signal northeast. They are a prominent landmark along Route 3, a major route to Manchester and the White Mountains. WSMN must protect WARV-1590, West Warwick, RI, WUNR-1600, Brookline, MA., WLIM-1580, Patchogue, LI, and the silent WQQW-1590, Waterbury, CT. WSMN has been heard and verified in Fairfield, CT., by the Profiles editor. However, more spectacular WSMN catches are realized and verified by DX'ers in Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Great Britain! WSMN welcomes accurate DX reports.

Today, WSMN is the Nashua area's choice for news, sports, information, and good country music. AM 1590 is a classic example of a successful full service local station, which is a valued member of its community.

The National Radio Club thanks WSMN Chief Operator John Halbert for all of his help in the preparation of this WSMN Station Profile and for hosting the NRC Convention's tour of WSMN's facilities.

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Network listings for team sports stations

Here is National Basketball Association (NBA) flagship information for the 1994/1995 season via Ken Onyschuk (from "NBA Guide"). Please send me any network lists that you may have. Thanks.

Atlanta Hawks	640 WGST-GA	Steve Holman
	105.7 WGST-GA	
Boston Celtics	590 WEEI-MA	TBA
Charlotte Hornets	1110 WBT-NC	Matt Pinto
Chicago Bulls	670 WMAQ-IL	Neil Funk, John Paxson
Cleveland Cavaliers	1100 WWWE-OH	Joe Tait
Dallas Mavericks	570 KLIF-TX	Ted Davis
Denver Nuggets	850 KOA-CO	Jerry Schemmel
Detroit Pistons	950 WWJ-MI	George Blaha, Mark Champion
Golden State Warriors	680 KNBR-CA (EE)	Greg Papa
	1010 KIQI-CA (SS)	Amaury Pi-Gonzalez
Houston Rockets	740 KTRH-TX (EE)	Gene Peterson
	1320 KXYZ-TX (SS)	TBA
Indiana Pacers	1260 WNDE-IN	Mark Boyle
Los Angeles Clippers	710 KMPC-CA	Ralph Lawler, Rich Marotta
Los Angeles Lakers	570 KLAC-CA	Chick Hearn, Stu Lantz
Miami Heat	940 WINZ-FL (EE)	Dave Halberstam
	830 WRFM-FL (SS)	Jose Paneda
Milwaukee Bucks	620 WTMJ-WI	Howard David, Jon McGlocklin
Minnesota Timberwolves	1130 KFAN-MN	Kevin Harlan, Tom Hanneman, Chad Hartman
New Jersey Nets	1560 WQEW-NY	Ian Eagle, Mike O'Koren
New York Knicks	660 WFAN-NY	Mike Breen, Walt Frazier
Orlando Magic	580 WDBO-FL	Chip Caray, Jack Givens
Philadelphia 76ers	610 WIP-PA	Jon Gurevitch
Phoenix Suns	620 KTAR-AZ (EE)	Al McCoy, Cotton Fitzsimmons
	1480 KPHX-AZ (SS)	Carlos Burgos, Manuel Soliz
Portland Trail Blazers	1190 KEX-OR	Bill Schonely, Mike Rice
Sacramento Kings	1140 KHTK-CA	Tim Roye, Gary Gerould
San Antonio Spurs	1200 WOAI-RX (EE)	Jay Howard
	1350 KCOR-TX (SS)	TBA
Seattle Supersonics	950 KJR-WA	Kevin Calabro
Utah Jazz	570 KISN-UT	Rod Hundley, Ron Boone
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DAVID WHATMOUGH - 284 MAIN STREET WEST - HAMILTON, ON L8P 1J8

I guess after an absence of 3 years or so from these pages, it's time for a MUSE! I had a great time at the NRC Convention in NH, especially of interest was a trip to WBZ's transmitter at Hull, MA. At the end of Sept., I drove to St. Thomas to get a photo of CHLO's 8 tower array, but it was too late, the towers are gone, just the building is left. 1570 in St. Thomas at 3PM was WWCK & WANR. In 3 years time, we've lost WBZ/CFOR/CHLO/CKLM leaving WFLR & WANR as the most often heard on 1570. We have quite a line-up this year for the CPC calendar. Unfortunately, conditions haven't been very favorable. The only test heard so far was KAZXAU-1620 which came in here like a local. I did hear some tone/code, etc. on 1200 11/14 under WAGE during the scheduled time for WGNV. I would like to hear from anyone interested in trading business cards & letterheads from stations, as well as stickers. I have about 3200 sheets of stationary & 1765 business cards in the collection, and about 200 traders of each. Bumper sticker totals at last count: 11,666. On the local scene: CHOO-1390 has become CJXX-95.9 (Kicks 96) and will simulcast on 1390 until the end of the year. CKBB-950 has become CQBE-101.1 and the AM operated for 2 weeks with a message to tune to 101.1. Both stations had reasonable signals in Hamilton on AM but do not get here at all on FM. I guess that about covers everything for now. See you all next year in Denver!

ERNEST COOPER - 5 ANTHONY STREET - PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657

I thought I'd save myself 29¢ by taking this MUSING to RAY ARRUDA's on 11/18 but Dave called the evening before with the news that he couldn't make it due to work. The pre-Thanksgiving hootenanny wasn't too well attended this year, but none the less, we had a great time, particularly with an in-person demonstration by MARK CONNELLY & BRUCE CONTI of how they pull in European & African split channel DX at twilight time! I have one new verbiage to report, from a follow-up to WMDH-1550, the CE says he doesn't see how I could have heard them with their 250 watts and 6 tower directional array, but he acknowledges what I reported was in conformity with their log. 1550 is now almost impossible due to that nasty TV ruckus on that channel. The DX Test from WGET-1320 made it, code only, but they're not needed here. I note CBJ-1580 is much stronger this season than here-to-fore, and they very effectively block sunset DX. A report was sent to brand new WEMA-890, to this address furnished by WBIV: 1105 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 02215. 2 weeks have passed since, no reply yet. They've been carrying Harvard football games and may carry Harvard basketball, if they play any games in the daytime, that is. They're mostly Spanish with some English religion. No go on the 10/31 DX Tests, but I did note CPJR-830 with MoR, and semi-local WESX-1230 mostly on top, but nullable, also MoR, or do they call it NOS now? For several decades, WESX had signed off at 10PM but they're NSP now. I feel sure a lot of these NSP stations would much prefer to sign-off at midnight or 1AM, but in the case of WAWZ-99.1 (ex-1380), they were forced into NSP'ing by another applicant for that frequency who promised to be NSP. The FCC thinks it's a big deal, serving the public 24 hours a day, but as a "service" to the public, how are these tele-talkers & all-sports stations REALLY serving the public? WFGL-960 is back on the air, and is NSP, or course. 11/4 I noted unneeded WRCN-1570 also mentioning they're on 94.3 & 103.9, CW programming. It seemed surreal this morning, with bits of WJRR-1320 showing up with, you guessed it, sports talk. 11/7 no WGLD-1450 test, it had a slight chance if it were auroral that morning, which it wasn't. Local ex-daytimer WKPE is now also on the NSP bandwagon, but they are slaughtered by WWSA even this close to Orleans. What a waste of power! 11/11 a colossal surprise on 1280, with CJMS now gone, WWOR with NOS under WADO for a newbie and a report. That'll do it from here for this time - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

RAY ARRUDA - 47 BURT STREET - ACUSHNET, MA 02743

We welcomed approx. 12 NRCers to The Lower Deck on 11/19 for our 17th annual Thanksgiving OTG and thank everyone that could make it. Sorry about the unexpected detour! It was the usual low-key event, with pizza, a great deal of socializing, and a number of world problem solving discussions. Later around sunset, MARK CONNELLY & BRUCE CONTI had a DX session in "The Upper Deck" for about 3 hours. Mark logged about 12 countries on his Drake R8 & Quantum Loop, and Bruce, listening on 1450, picked up WILM-1450 topping the frequency. Because our MUSINGS editor could not be present, we immediately suspected him of peaking the transmitter at WILM! (No, we found the modulation control!-DWS) 11/21 RVC-535 once again seemed to be on regular schedule during the CPC Test period 2:30-3:15 AM with no code IDs or tone, just music. Spanish & English IDs and a Spanish announcer. Also, another report taken on the WFRM-600-Test (1st test also heard but no reply) with code IDs noted very weak under the Cuban & WICC 2:27-2:30AM. Some really nice verific-

ations have been received, all from recent CPC tests: after a follow-up, WCGC-1270 sent a card for their 12/93 test. KA2XAU-1620 sent a xerox letter back in 6 days mentioning operating with 250 watts. Letters also received from WGNV-1200 & WLLS-1600 tests. Larry Angle from WGET-1320 Test sent a nice folder filled with just about everything, letter, window & bumper stickers, coupon books, etc., one of the nicest replies received here in some time. Just renewed for 2 more years and also received a new copy of the NRC Log, an excellent publication. Thanks to all who sent greeting cards & best wishes for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. 73

MORRIS SORENSEN - 29 JANET BLVD. - SCARBOROUGH, ON M1R 1H7

----- Today, acting on a tip from former NRCer Wayne Plunkett, I tuned to 950 to hear a tape loop mentionign that CKBB-950 was off the air and that listeners should tune to 101.1 "B 101" for the best in music from the 70's, 80's & 90's, along with the best in local news and information. According to Wayne, CKBB first went on the air in 1949 on 1230kHz. The changeover to CIQB-101.1 formerly took place on 11/12. On 11/4-6, I attended an ON DX Assoc. DXpedition to Terry Fergusons "Muskraken Motel" in Gravenhurst, ON, almost 100 miles N of Toronto. While there, I noted CIQB-101.1 testing. Unlike CKRR-950, which had a great signal into Gravenhurst, CIQB was totally inaudible on my Panasonic FRB65 or my Sony ICF2010 with the usual whip antenna. Using Terry's SW8, I was able to separate them easily. CKBB also had a reasonably decent signal over the Metro Toronto area whereas CIQB is blocked by CKFY-101.1. A couple of other stations seem to have limited their coverage by moving to FM. CHOO-1390 had a great signal in Gravenhurst and even well N of Huntsville. Its replacement, CJXK 95.9 was not audible in Gravenhurst and receives co-channel interference from CFPL-FM in the W suburbs of Toronto. CKDX-1480 used to come in like a local in Gravenhurst, but I couldn't get a peep out of them on 88.5. That's it for now, I'm off to a slow start this season because of work obligations and unusually mild weather, which has caused me to spend most of my limited spare time outside. 73

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----- Approaching the holiday season, I want to wish everyone the best DX in the New Year! This years convention was super & thanks to BRUCE COMPTON for doing a great job. It was fun! Last call for the convention video tape, \$20 from the Publications Center. STEVE FRANCIS & I later drove 2450 miles into, ME, NB & PQ, visiting a couple of stations along the way, including the CBC in Montreal. The Omaha team, KOIL-1180 & KKAR-1290 DX Tests were on as scheduled, using mostly their day patterns. KOIL-1180 was using 6250 watts (1/4 authorized power) as their new 25000 watt transmitter wouldn't load-up into their antenna system. KOIL also gave the wrong frequency for all ID's except the last, they mentioned 1290. WILY-1210 was heard well on 11/14. Also, KOTD-1000 sign on noted at local sunrise in Chicago, they will be moving to 1020 with 1000 watts daytime. Local KESY-1420 is scheduled to change to KBBX on 1/1/95 and change formats. Local KSZO-1490 is being sold and may change calls, too. Thanks to GIL MORGAN for hosting the SMO get-together, enjoyed seeing the crew again and the tour of KJEL-750 with a very modern facility. Thanks to WALT BREVILLE for the overnight stay in Innsbruck, MO, now you can put up that 2500' beverage! And a reminder of the FREMONT, NE DXPEDITION 1/27-29, \$48.50 for 2 nights & food, contact me for details. New receiver here is a CARVER TX11H AM Stereo & FM tuner, good price at \$399, so will be going into FM next spring. UHF was the highlight last summer. 73

WALTER B FAIR, JR. (KE5WJ) - 12230 PALMFRREE STREET - HOUSTON, TX 77034

----- Greetings to everyone! This is my lat MOUSE in, oh, about 27 YEARS, so I better introduce myself. I am 44 years old, a petroleum engineer by profession, and run an engineering and computer software consulting business. I've been DXing since I was about 14 years old, but I haven't been real active for the last 15 years due to work & family commitments. I just finished computerizing all my old AM DX loggings from here in Houston and the totals are 396 stations heard, 35 states & 20 countries (I also lived in New Orleans for 15 years but those totals aren't included). With all my logs on a notebook computer, I don't know how I got by before that. By the way, if anyone wants a copy of the software, PC compatible, DOS-based, it's available by modem at 713-947-9865, log in, go to the Radic Files and grab SW LOG.ZIP. I moved back to Houston about 4 years ago, rejoined the NRC last year and spent this summer trying to set-up an antenna that would pick-up something other than local noise! Hopefully that project has been successful, so I can enjoy this DX season. Receivers include an Icom R71A, a DX390 & the old Hallicrafters SX99 & a DX380 when I travel (I'm on hold for a business trip to Indonesia. If that happens, I'll try to get a band scan. Last trip, I didn't hear anything due to 50Hz line noise in the hotel). Antennae are several random wires in the back yard and a homemade loop designed about 30 years ago & rewired a time or two. So far, I was able to pull in the WILY test, but none of the others due to local thunderstorms, etc. I read with envy the signals some are reporting in the N US, down here the noise levels have just started dropping and no great signals have been heard yet. Even the LA stations (except Cuba & Mexico) aren't very good and no TA hets noted yet. I also want to say 'Howdy!' to CESAR OBJOLO. I don't know if he remembers me or not but we corresponded many years ago. It's good to see his name and a lot of other familiar ones in DX NEWS after my long absence. Also, about 25-30 years ago, we had a

fairly active group of AM & SW DXers here in Houston, with regular get-togethers, etc. In the meantime, we all apparently went our ways with jobs, school, etc. If anyone in the NRC was part of that group, I'd sure be interested in hearing how everyone is doing. 73 & hopefully I'll have some DX to report next time! (And a big WELCOME BACK to you, Walt, and we'll be looking forward to your DX doings once again!-DWS)

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----- First off, NEAL PERDUE, please send me another MOUSE as I lost the note from your phone call about delete items in the one you sent (and your phone number, too!). On 11/27, with the first throat of snow & freezing rain in this area, I went up on the roof, ran 2 40' longwires, got one of the R390A's fired up (last time in about 4 years!) and hooked up an MWDX5 Phasing Unit built by MARK CONNELLY and purchased from RON MUSCO and shipped to me by AL MERRIMAN (figure that system out!) almost 1 year ago. Now, I'm hooked. In the brief time I've been able to use it, what I've been able to dig out has been amazing. Under local WDEF-1150 (about 6 miles away and in their main directional lobe), I was able to ID WHUN with sat. CW & many ID's on 12/2 11:45AM. Also, WVSC-990 was equal to WZZD at 11:55AM with CW music, ID's. Later on, 4:32-4:45PM, WSLC-610 made it under/equal to a phased out WTP with sports, ID & CW music, easily readable. WSLC has been one I've been after for years, even knew the CE there at one point and who even ran a DX TEST for the club some time back, which was never heard! The KPEX-1590-Test on 12/3 wasn't tried for, the WTRW-1590 test on 12/4 was tried for between 5:30-6AM, noting WARR/WKTP/WJRO/tentatives on WCBG & WERA but no WTRW. WDAS-1480 was noted on night pattern 12/3 around 12 noon, they were gone (an effective night pattern!) leaving an UNID CW (likely WPAW?), very weak. Thanks to HANK HOLBROOK for his recent report to WKHL-89.1, the stations first. And I believe HANK has the only verie ever issued on WYHR-92.9, it is now WSRV. HAPPY HOLIDAYS! 

Panasonic RQ-V60 ... By John Hanz

I recently obtained a Panasonic stereo radio/cassette player with headphones and threw in a pair of ni-cads to see how good it is. CJSB was in loud and clear, Radio Vision Cristiana also loud and clear at 1615. Away I went up the dial, all the regulars came in and a mess of the weaker ones too! Extremely sharp nulls, the only station I couldn't find a null for was WERA. That's including the NYC stations although I didn't hear anything in their nulls. I can't do that with the 2010. Station selectivity was excellent, dial accuracy very good considering the dial is only 33 mm (1-5/16") long.

At first the headphones sounded bassy but that was because I never used them before. After about an hour the audio was crisp and clear.

Checked it against my Channel Master 6506B. The nulls are just as good, but I get more recoverable audio out of the Panasonic.

It's roughly 1/3 smaller than the 6506B and about half to two-thirds the weight.

The antenna is on top somewhere behind the dial face, probably about 2 to 2-1/2 inches long. I tried taking it apart but only got past the sub-miniature screws. It apparently has those press-clips molded into the sides of the case, like the Realistic Weatheradio.

The FM is just as good as the AM when in FM/DX position. The FM/local appears only good for deep urban areas, inside Philly or NYC.

In all, a very pleasant surprise!

I did a comparison test between the Panasonic RQ-V60 and the SR II. Sensitivity-wise they're almost equal. It was easier to find stations on the SR II because of the larger band spread. On the RQ-V60 you really had to hunt and peck to find the station. On fades the SR II held on to the signal much longer. The signal would drop out on the RQ-V60 but when it came back, it also came back on the SR II. Has to be the difference in antenna length.

On Friday afternoon 11/25 I checked WKMB-1070. The SR II couldn't null it out completely, while the RQ-V60 took it out totally. It has to be varactor diode tuned. When you open the clam-shell to put a tape in there's less than an inch of radio thickness left. That's too small for even the little plastic enclosed tuning capacitors!

Saturday afternoon I rigged up an external speaker, about 3" 3.5 ohm from an old TV, which is peaked for voice. The amplifier powered it easily but I had to set the volume on 4.5 to 5 while with the headphones I would set it between 1 and 2. I tried a 1/8" mini plug, 2-conductor, but it wouldn't go in all the way and I wasn't about to ruin the radio. A 3-conductor mini went in with no problem.

The 3-conductor carries the signal to the headphones and the antenna for FM. The audio was just as crisp but you lose the portability factor.

As for AC power, that would tie you down too and it's really not needed. I put in the millenium ni-cads and got over 20 hours on them so far.

I'll "put up" with the slightly less sensitivity and take the excellent nulling ability any day.